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All points bulletin

The Nation magazine is having a sniffy fit over the way the Central Intelligence Agency reacted — in a rare public comment — to its story that Vice President George Bush was a CIA operative in the early 1960s. At that time, Mr. Bush was in the oil business in Texas.

As we reported, the CIA said a memo from J. Edgar Hoover about the briefing of a person named George Bush at the CIA following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy referred to George William Bush, a night watch worker who later left the agency to join the Defense Intelligence Agency. The whereabouts of that Mr. Bush are unknown at present, the CIA said.

The Nation retorted in its latest issue that expose author Joseph McBride stands by his story — the agent was in fact the man who later became CIA director and then vice president, he claims.

The Nation concluded its statement with a mocking appeal to George William Bush, "wherever you are (if you are): Please call The Nation."